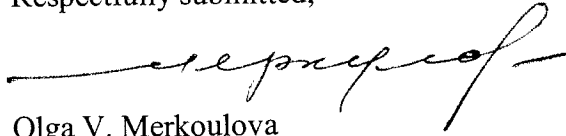


REMARKS

By the present amendment a small phraseological correction in the specification has been done on page 13.

Claims 1 to 9 remain active in the application. No claim amendment has been performed by this amendment. Please proceed with the examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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